

TO the Honourable *Charles Shaler* Esquire, President, and  
*John H Piddick & David H Cronner*  
Associates, Judges, of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting for Beaver  
County: The Petition of *Mich. Black* of the County of  
Beaver, humbly sheweth, That your Petitioner, *has resided in the United*  
*States since the year 1827* and within the State of Pennsylvania,

at least three years, that he will support the Constitution of the United States,  
and that he doth absolutely renounce, and abjure, all allegiance and fidelity  
to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, particularly  
to the *King of Prussia*  
to whom he was heretofore a subject, that he never hath borne any hereditary  
title, nor hath been of any of the orders of nobility in the Kingdom from which  
he came, and is ready to declare on oath the truth of these things, and prays  
to be admitted a Citizen of the United States, and of the Commonwealth of  
Pennsylvania.

*Michael Black*

BEAVER COUNTY, ss.

At a *Adjourned* Court of Common Pleas, held for said  
County on the *29* day of *July* A.D. *1828* before  
the hon. *Charles Shaler* President, and *John H*  
*Piddick & David H Cronner* Associates, Judges of the same  
court—came *Mich. Black* and being sworn ac-  
cording to law, saith that what he hath set forth in the above petition is the truth;  
and that he doth renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince,  
potentate or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the *King of Prussia*  
*in Germany*  
and that he will support the Constitution of the United States.

*Witnessed*  
Sworn in open Court.

*30th July 1828.*

*John Clarke Prothy*

*Michael Black*

BEAVER COUNTY, ss.

At a *Adjourned* Court of common pleas, held at Beaver,  
the *29* day of *July* A.D. *1828* for said county  
Came into court *Fredrick Rapp* a citizen of the United  
States, and being sworn according to law, saith that he hath known the above named  
*Mich. Black* during the term of five years residence and under  
the jurisdiction of the said United States as in the above petition set fourth by the  
said *Mich. Black* and that he hath behaved  
himself as a man of good moral character, and attached to the Constitution of the  
United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

*Witnessed*  
Sworn and Subscribed.

*30th July 1828.*

*John Clarke Prothy*

*Fredrick Rapp*